10 April 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Honor and Merit Awards Board

SUBJECT

: Award Recommendation - George W. Allen

REFERENCE

: Memo dtd 3 Apr 69 to ExDir-Compt fr D/Pers,

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- 1. It is commendable that the members of the Honor and Merit Awards Board desire to perform their duties in a manner which will be of maximum assistance to the Director in acting on their recommendations. Their record is a good one in that the Director most infrequently fails to approve their recommendations as submitted.
- 2. It is entirely appropriate, however, for the Director to consider matters of any nature of which the Board is not cognizant in acting on its recommendations. The fact that he may occasionally make a decision which is not in accord with the Board's recommendation is in no wise a reflection on the judgment of the Board, nor does it indicate any lack of appreciation of the Board's excellent work.
- 3. It is not considered either necessary or desirable to mingle the functions of the Honor and Merit Awards Board as prescribed in with those of the Training Selection Board as prescribed in and the Director's action in this particular case should not be considered as a precedent to guide the Board in its future deliberations.

As I. R. Witte

L. E. White Executive Director-Comptroller

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